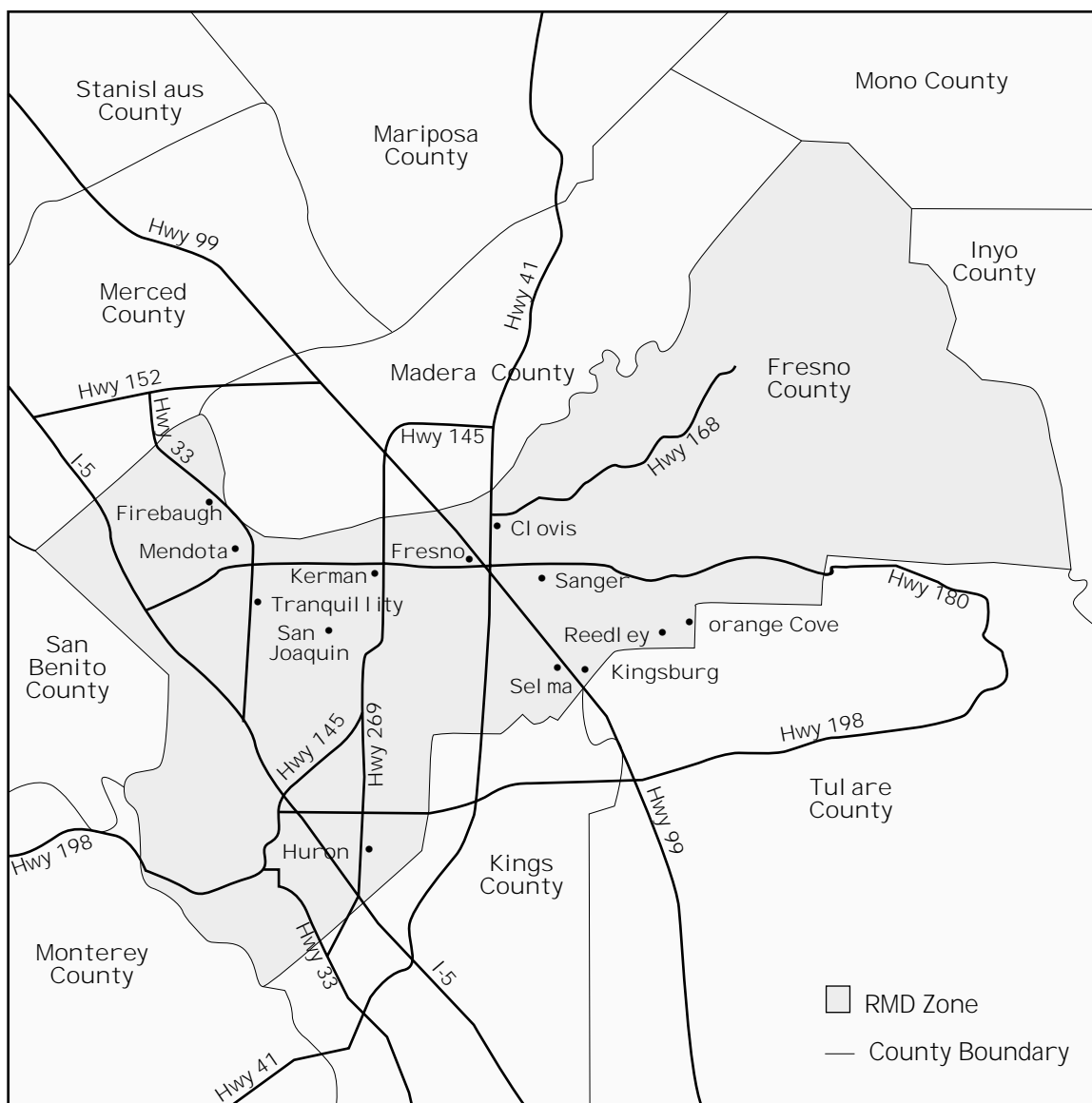




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FRESNO COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE



ZONE INFORMATION

The Fresno County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) includes all of the unincorporated areas of the county and the incorporated cities of Clovis, Firebaugh, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, and Selma. The county is geographically central to the rest of the California Central Valley. As the Central Valley's largest population center and the most productive agricultural area, the Fresno County RMDZ will stimulate the growth of start-up recycling-based businesses, and encourage existing recycling-based businesses to expand their operations into the county.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

California Recycling Market Development Zones are designated by the Integrated Waste Management Board. The Board offers low-interest loans up to \$1 million, technical assistance on financing strategies, and assistance in marketing zones nationally and internationally. For more information on this program and other market development programs, contact the Board's Recycling Business Assistance Branch at (916) 255-1000.

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TARGET MATERIALS

The Fresno County RMDZ has targeted plastics, paper, glass, concrete, wood, and greenwaste for manufacturing development.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Currently, there are three privately owned and operated materials recovery facilities (MRF) in the Fresno RMDZ. The cities of Firebaugh, Kerman, Mendota, and San Joaquin have joined with Fresno County and the community of Tranquility to form the first major industrial development district on the Interstate 5 corridor, known as the I-5 Business Development Corridor Partnership. It is anticipated that the I-5 business development corridor will become an industrial cluster for businesses with common technologies and markets, similar to Silicon Valley in the electronics industry. Two interstate railroads, Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, provide excellent transportation for both passenger and freight transport.

INCENTIVES

Local incentives include one-stop permitting assistance, waiver or reduction of development/permit fees, a database on land, buildings, markets, and feedstock, a micro revolving loan fund, and installment payment of fees.

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